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EXAMINER: CULBRETH, E

FOR: A SHIFT DEVICE FOR VEHICLE

**STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**

The references have been cited in a corresponding application filed in the Japanese Patent Office.

**Reference AO on Form 1449, JP 05-248523 (A):**

Disclosed is a control device for an automatic transmission, which as a range operating mechanism that switches shift ranges by electric means. If it is determined that speed change cannot be performed in response to the switching of the shift range, the switching of the shift range is inhibited.

**Reference AP on Form 1449, JP 08-210495 (A):**

When a speed change instruction is output based on the operation by a driver, if it is determined that speed change cannot be performed, the speed change is withheld. If it is determined that speed change can be performed the speed change is allowed. See paragraphs 0041 to 0043.